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Dear Harold,

I held off on sending the enclosed because of Tipton's appearance on the Larry King show. I taped it, in case you want a copy.

I received your latest, including your memo about the phone call from Tipton. I strongly urge you to do what I did in September 1979: break off all contact with him and refuse to speak with him if he calls again.

For my own reference, I have started to make an outline of his book, primarily in the form of a prosecutor's outline of evidence in a hypothetical criminal trial. If it turns out to be decent, I'll eventually make copies available.

The National Law Journal says this week that William French Smith may appoint Tuller to head the Antitrust Division.

The Secret Service has sent me a few documents which the DOJ refused to it for release to me. (Part of the 124-page Criminal Division inventory). Of interest is a report by SAIC John Rice of the New Orleans Field Office dated 12-9-63. From file number CO-2-34,030. The Secret Service document number is 517. Rice reports on a conversation with FBI Agent Paul Allen of the NO field office. Allen told Rice that the FPCC pamphlets were printed at two different shops in New Orleans, that Croward had

been identified at one shop, but not the other. The FBI subsequently refused to provide the SS with the names of the two shops, and Lowley put a lid on any further inquiry into the matter by Rice. Let me know if you want a copy.

The Secret Service also sent me two pages of a document which obviously has several more pages. It is their document #641 from file #CO-2-34,230, and it seems to consist of Oswald's chronological whereabouts during 1963. I'm going to ask for the complete document.

This is the only page on the DOJ Criminal Division inventory list since my last correspondence on it. They still have not responded past p. 79 of the list.

I have not formally requested the Eardley back force material, even though I put them on notice in my court papers. They are obviously stonewalling if they say that the back force = the panel. I suppose that this is the next major front on the F.O.I.A battlefield. If my present lawsuit has to continue for any reason, I'm going to pursue the back force matter through interrogatories, and maybe even take Clark's deposition. Also, there's document discovery. So, before you sue them on this, let's wait and see what my judge has to say. In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, why not ask DOJ for documents relating to their determination that the back force = the panel, e.g. memo of any telephone contacts of late with Eardley, Tottenbaum, or Clark; records of classifications searches, etc.

Best,

Ryan

P.S., while I don't intend to write a review of Liffon's book, I plan to respond to any review, favorable or unfavorable, with a letter to the editor of the publication with permission to publish. RF